

Makawao Union Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

**Please stand in body or in spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold***

The Time of Preparation

Prelude *Prelude on "Simple Gifts"* Richard White

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song *Gather Us In*

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,
shadows of doubt are vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in; our spirits inflame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

*Call to Worship

One: Morning has broken.

**Many: Let us give thanks for the gift of life and the presence
of the Holy One among us.**

One: Let us worship God together.

Many: Thanks be to God!

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps - es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voic - es of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry - where;

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - clasp and set me free.
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Love with Thy chil - dren, thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
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O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Gathering Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you....

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Hear the Good News

Anthem

Simple Gifts

arr. Robert Lehman

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain'd,
to bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
to turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Scripture

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (NRSV)

Jay Slaughter

22 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²² Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;
²³ for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Psalm 125 (NRSV)

Jay Slaughter

¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.
² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.
³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
so that the righteous might not stretch out
their hands to do wrong.
⁴ Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.
⁵ But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers.
Peace be upon Israel!

Mark 7:24-37 (NRSV)

Chris Kepler

⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took

him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Sermon

Rev. Heather Mueller

“The Great healer of Nazareth”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Christ’s table is open to all. We ask you to hold your elements so that we all might partake of the bread and cup together.

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the
2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y

Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

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We Go Forth

Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer Queen Lili'uokalani # 580

*'O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani
A 'o kou 'oiā i 'o, He hemolele ho'i. 'Āmene.*

English translation:

Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.

Postlude *The Unclouded Day* Carolyn Hamlin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

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- ◆ **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday, September 11th at 8:30AM at the Kula Bistro. All men are welcome to join for a great meal and fellowship!
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** remains closed while the Covid case counts are so high. Please see their Facebook page for updates on reopening news.

- ◆ **Give Aloha** During the month of September, you can donate up to \$249 to each non-profit organization participating in Foodland's *Give Aloha* campaign. All you need is a Maika'i card and donations are payable in the form of cash, check, or credit card at the checkout counter. The donation amount and name of the organization will appear on your receipt. Foodland will then pass on your gift to the organization, along with an additional donation. MUC Code: 78617

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

- To The Rev. Heather Mueller** for being our supply Pastor.
- To the Deacons** for providing the Altar flowers.
- To Jay Slaughter and Chris Kepler** for being our readers today.
- To Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler and John Rowehl** for our live music today.
- To Chris Kepler** for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events:

- Sep 6 **** Labor Day **** Remote Office Closed
- Sep 11 8:30AM Men's Breakfast, Kula Bistro
- Sep 12 10:30AM Worship – Zoom
- Sep 14 2PM Deacon's Meeting, Rose's Residence
- 5PM Trustee's Meeting, Aloha Room/Hybrid

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